



**DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**
February 18, 2020

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Allen Behl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Richard Bennett, Annette Thompson (8:33am), and Dale Macheel. Becky Glewen was absent.

Also, present: Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator; Jeff Hoffman, Area Extension Director; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator; Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator; Joe Zimbric, Crops and Soils Educator; and Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bennett, second by Macheel to approve August 20, 2019 meeting minutes and December 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES: Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses for December 2019 and January 2020 as presented.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR DECEMBER 17, 2019 AND CHAIRMAN BEHL'S ATTENDANCE AT A JANUARY 30TH MEETING WITH EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STAFF AND COUNTY OFFICIALS: Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets for December 17, 2019 and January 30, 2020. Motion by Macheel, seconded by Bennett to approve per diems for December 17, 2019 and January 30, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY:

Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Educator – Lafler reported a busy start to the calendar year with many events at area schools. It was been noted by parents, teachers and students that these lessons are well received. Dodge County FoodWise continues to work with the *Cooking Matters* pilot program that includes lessons geared to caregivers of children aged 3-5 years.

Pattie Carroll, Human Development and Relationships Educator – Carroll reported that she is currently working with several parents on individual parenting education. She takes referrals through the Dodge County Human Service's Community Response Prevention program. This is a program designed to serve at risk families to prevent them needing additional county services, such as child protection services. Carroll hosted and facilitated a Trauma Informed workshop through the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health and in partnership with the Every Child Thrives Coalition and the Greater Watertown Health Foundation. Thirty professionals attended the workshop.

Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator – Witzel shared that sixty one people attended the New Family Gathering. Witzel started a Youth Leadership training series in January. Matt Hurtienne, from Concordia University came to speak to youth on how to write applications for scholarships, member experiences, job applications. Participants also completed the *Thrive Survey to Identify Strengths in 4-H*

and Make Your 4-H Voice Heard! The 11 evaluations that were completed ranked the teaching as 5 (being the top) for usefulness, quality of presentation and that they learned something.

Youth Adult Partnership Volunteer Development Idea Sharing

Topic: Youth-Adult Partnerships

Expert: Christa Van Treeck (Community Youth Development); Marie Witzel (4-H) - Asking them to talk about HOW (rather than the WHAT) and the applied research and best practices in their work. Sometimes it is simple things like reframing the question. Witzel also shared evaluation comments from the idea sharing session among colleagues:

Evaluation Comments Shared: "Marie, I like what you did with MAB." "We have similar issue with our Meat Animal Board." "I appreciated the conversation that keeps it real." "Some people get it, some people don't, and some people THINK they get it, but now "our" way of thinking." "The comment about working to be sure the number of youth and adults is equal on county leaders council." "Appreciate that each situation is different and really need to think about what the purpose and best partnership of youth and adults is." "Reaching out of youth who are not well-connected in community and ratio of adults-youth to be equal."; "Being reminded that this doesn't happen in a day," "Working with Leaders Association president to intentionally ask youth for input."

Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator –Young discussed the Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety course, which completed 24 hours of classroom instruction and a written test and will be followed up by a driving test in April. There were 35 youth between the ages of 12 and 16 participating in this year's Tractor Safety training course. Young also discussed the programming she has been working on around animal well-being and welfare. She is contributing to the state curriculum for Beef Quality Assurance and Livestock Emergency Response. Young has brought this programming to Dodge County by hosting Beef Quality Assurance trainings. She is also introducing these topics during her Dodge Dairy Talk Tuesday program. As an example, she hosted the UW - Madison Dairy Well-Being Specialist Dr. Jennifer Van Os at the January program featuring the topic of youngstock and calf housing options.

Joe Zimbric, Crops and Soils Educator -During January and the first half of February, crops and soils educator, Joe Zimbric, spent time giving oral presentations to various farmer groups across the county regarding Extension sign-up recommendations for the Farm Service Agency's ARC and PLC commodity support programs. This material was prepared and delivered orally and in writing. Producers were advised on how to choose the optimal support programs for their individual crops and farms. In conjunction with state Extension staff, Joe delivered a pesticide applicator training as well as a manure application training. Joe also helped deliver educational material to the 2020 Tractor Safety cohort in Dodge County. In addition, Joe spent two days in Madison for a "new colleague onboarding training session," and also attended a two-day cover crop champion workshop.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR AMANDA YOUNG, DAIRY & LIVESTOCK EDUCATOR REQUESTING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO THE FOUR-STATE DAIRY & MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE JUNE 10-11, 2020 IN DUBUQUE, IA. Registration costs for the conference are waived for Extension educators. Mileage is the only cost. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Macheel to approve out of state travel for Amanda Young to attend the Four-State Dairy & Management Conference in Dubuque, IA June 10-11, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR 2020 BUDGET ADDITION OF A \$9,450 NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION GRANT. Crops & Soils educator Joe Zimbric reviewed the

goals of the grant to educate producers on the use of cover crops in Dodge County. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Macheel to approve a 2020 budget addition of a \$9,450 National Wildlife Federation Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF UPDATING THE OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT NAME FROM DODGE COUNTY UW-EXTENSION TO EXTENSION DODGE COUNTY.

Discussion was held. Committee was concerned about the perception of not having the "UW" in front of the Extension title. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Bennett to update the official department name to Extension Dodge County. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE ON 2020 CLEAN SWEEP. County Board Chair Russell Kottke reported on the county Clean Sweep event scheduled for August 29, 2020. Kottke thanked Crops & Soils Educator Joe Zimbric for securing a Clean Sweep Grant through DATCP, and the County plans to hold a Clean Sweep annually. Kottke is working with Extension staff to promote and educate county residents about the event. Extension is keeping track of expenses associated with Clean Sweep. Suggestion from committee member Macheel to provide the public with resources on how to dispose of certain items that are *not* accepted at a Clean Sweep.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting is Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


~~Richard Bennett~~, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairperson